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In the Specification:

Please include the following paragraph as the first paragraph on page 1 of the Specification:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/430,688, filed December 3, 2003, entitled "A FLOW-REGULATING DEVICE".

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 7 of the Specification as follows:

The guide bracket 32 is now described in more detail with reference to Figures 8 and 9. The guide bracket 32 is a stepped bracket. One end ~~74~~⁷⁵ of a generally rectangular section 76 extends downwardly to a first shoulder 78 and the other end 80 of the rectangular section 76 extends downwardly to a second shoulder 82. A space 84 is defined between the underside of the rectangular section 78, and the first and second shoulders 78 and 82, respectively, for housing the compression member 28, when the compression member 28 is not compressing the body 40 of the hose 22. The first and second shoulders 78 and 82, respectively, are each welded or bonded by an adhesive to the surface of the sleeve 34. The rectangular section 76 has a centrally located internally threaded aperture 86 that is aligned with the space 84 and the aperture 46 of the sleeve 34. The internally threaded aperture 86 threadingly engages the externally threaded shaft 52 of the actuator 30 for controlled radial movement of the compression member 28 with respect to the hose 22. The compression member 28 is moveable through the aperture 46 and into the space 84 when the compression member 28 is opened completely.